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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 9

1. LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER ON UNSC VOTE

LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER ABU HAMAD HAS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONDEMNING " ISRAEL' S REPEATED AGGRESSION AGAINST LEBANON." ABU HAMAD PRAISED " FRATERNAL AND FRIENDLY" STATES WHICH STOOD BY LEBANON DURING THE DEBATE, BUT DID NOT MENTION THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL AND THE VARIOUS " POLITICAL TRENDS" MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN A " BETTER" RESOLUTION. (UNCLASSIFIED) FBIS 16, 4/22.

2. SITUATION IN CAMBODIA

A. LON NOL REPORTEDLY REACHES ACCORD WITH NON-COMMUNIST OPPOSITION

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM PHNOM PENH, LON NOL REACHED AGREEMENT WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS APRIL 23 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW COALITION STATE COUNCIL TO DIRECT CAMBODIA' S WAR EFFORT. THE NEW 4- MEMBER HIGH POLITICAL SECRET

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COUNCIL IS TO BE COMPOSED OF LON NOL, SIRIK MATAK, IN TAM AND CHENG HENG. (UNCLASSIFIED) REUTER 11, 4/23.

B. MILITARY SITUATION

THE MILITARY SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED BUT WITHOUT DRAMATIC REVERSALS. A MEKONG CONVOY OF TWO CARGO SHIPS AND SIX TANKERS ARRIVED APRIL 23 (LOCAL TIME) AT PHNOM PENH. A TRUCK CONVOY OF MORE THAN 200 VEHICLES ALSO REACHED THE CAPITAL APRIL 21 FROM KOMPONG SOM VIA ROUTE 4. (SECRET) ELIOT- KISSINGER MEMORANDUM ON POST CEASE-FIRE REPORTING, 4/23 (EXDIS).

C. SIHANOUK TALKS TO PRESS IN PEKING

SIHANOUK REPORTEDLY TOLD A LE MONDE REPORTER IN PEKING THAT PRESIDENT NIXON WAS INVOLVING HIMSELF IN A THIRD INDOCHINA WAR IN CAMBODIA. HOWEVER, SIHANOUK ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR HIM TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE AMERICANS THAN WITH THE RUSSIANS. IN A SEPARATE INTERVIEW WITH A BRITISH NEWSFILM AGENCY, SIHANOUK CLAIMED PHNOM WOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN MANY MONTHS AGO WITHOUT US AIR FORCE INTERVENTION. HE ALSO RULED OUT A CEASE- FIRE OR TALKS WITH THE PHNOM PENH GOVERNMENT. (SECRET) ELIOT- KISSINGER MEMORANDUM ON POST CEASE- FIRE REPORTING (EXDIS) AND (UNCLASSIFIED) REUTER 16, 4/23.

3. SENATE VISIT TO MOSCOW HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

A SENATORIAL DELEGATION HEADED BY SENATOR HARTKE MET MONDAY MORNING WITH SECRETARY BREZHNEV FOR THREE AND ONE- HALF HOURS. A BRIEF REPORT FROM EMBASSY MOSCOW DESCRIBES THE TRIP THUS FAR AS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. (UNCLASSIFIED) MOSCOW 4570, 3/24.

4. AP REPORTS TEHRAN PRESS COMMENTS ON CONFERENCE

AP REPORTS COMMENTS MADE CONCERNING THE CHIEFS OF SECRET

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MISSION CONFERENCE BY TEHRAN' S LEADING NEWSPAPERS, KAYHAN AND ETTELAAT. ACCORDING TO BOTH NEWSPAPERS, THE MAIN TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE US STRATEGY IN CASE OF A RESUMED ARAB- ISRAELI WAR, A POSSIBLE ARAB OIL BOYCOTT AND CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THE SPREAD OF COMMUNISM". ETTELAAT SAID THAT ALTHOUGH DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH IS FORMALLY PRESIDING OVER THE CONFERENCE THE MAN IN CHARGE

IS ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO. AP ALSO REPORTED THAT
A CLANDESTINE COMMUNIST RADIO STATION IN BAGHDAD OPENED
ITS SUNDAY NIGHT BROADCAST WITH AN ATTACK ON " AMERICAN
INTRIGUERS GATHERING IN TEHRAN FOR A SECRET CONFERENCE".
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